

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE

WEDNESDAY EVENING			
The Customs' duties received to-day were as follows:			
Spirits	...	...	£136 10 1
Wine (still) .....	...	...	85 12 0
Wine (sparkling) .....	...	...	29 8 0
Alc. porter, and beer (in cask)	...	...	20 0 0
Alc. porter, and beer (in bottle)	...	...	37 15 6
Tobacco and snuff .....	...	...	6 10 0
... (unmanufactured) .....	...	...	187 13 6
Cigars .....	...	...	1 2 6
Tea .....	...	...	151 9 6
Coffee and chicory .....	...	...	81 4 0
Sugar, raw, refined .....	...	...	16 0 0
Rice .....	...	...	26 0 0
Dried fruits .....	...	...	0 9 6
Notc .....	...	...	0 0 0
Nonpareils .....	...	...	0 5 0
Spectac. duty .....	...	...	500 10 0

Barbour and light dues	...	...	30 10
Boatage	...	...	10 00
			67 20 10

The Victoria, from Cooktown, brings 20
 oz. gold; and the Heron, from Auckland
 117 oz.

Business in the Stock and Share market
 very dull to-day. Bank shares firmly be-
 all the New South Wales obtainable
 were purchased, and there are buyers
 and figure: sellers at 494. Joint Stock
 quoted at 131, holders ask 131. Insurance
 shares firm, at late rates. In mining the
 was a further decline in Peak Downs Cop-
 prices at 10s. to 9s. 6d. Wallend C.
 changed hands at 154.

Prices were very firm at Messrs. Mort-
 on's wool sale this afternoon, and the few
 submitted were disposed of at 174d. to 175d.

The weekly sales of leather were as dull as those held lately, and prices without improvement. At Messrs. Harrison, Jones, & Co., we find the following quotations:—
Black, heavy, No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, .90; No. 3, .80; No. 4, .70; No. 5, .60; No. 6, .50; No. 7, .40; No. 8, .30; No. 9, .20; No. 10, .10; No. 11, .05; No. 12, .02.

Auction sales, the prices realised were inferior to those of the previous week. The following were the prices obtained: 6d. to 6½d.; medium, 10d. to 10½d.; good, 11½d. to 11¾d.; inferior kip, 17d. to 18d.; medium, 14½d. to 15½d.; yearling, 2½d. to 3½d.; cow, 2s. to 2s. 6d.; heifer, 18d. to 19½d.; cow ditto, 18d. to 19½d.; collar, 3s.; horse butts, 23½d.; horse, 4½d.; harness, 12½d. to 14½d.; pigs, 4½d.; hog, 3s.; kangaroo, 3s. 6d.

Transactions in the Import markets, except in the case of the flour, were very light, and quotations without material alteration. The flour market was a trifle better; holders of best Adelaide flour advanced their prices 2s. to 2½d., and quality inferior brands at 2½d. Wheat held for 5s. 5s. 6d. A large shipment of new tea, from Amoy, offered at public sale by Messrs. (Messrs. Dillies and Co. attracted a good attendance.

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The **Argus of Monday** reports as follows:—
The Melbourne import market:—
In the import market business there is the forenoon

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